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Cover Story: It's time for Taitung

Beautiful, cultural Taitung and the international traveler...

Prices and tourist numbers in conventional Western expat destinations in Southeast Asia are on the rise. And, as these places have already been well visited, Western expats are setting their sights on new destinations. Thus, this is a great time to introduce them to Taitung. Taitung occupies ten percent of Taiwan's land mass, but it is home to only about one percent of Taiwan's total population, making it an area of unspoiled natural beauty and diversity. In addition, one-third of Taitung's population is made up of indigenous people from seven of Taiwan's 16 officially recognized tribes. There are also Hakka communities, meaning that it is also a place of cultural diversity. Taitung possesses two of Taiwan's five mountain ranges and the longest coastline of any county in Taiwan. Thus, Taitung is suited to the Western traveler looking for a unique vacation centered around sports, nature and cultural experiences... [Read more](#)

Book Launch & Exhibition: Paul Chiang

From Paris' Left Bank to Taitung's Pisilian...

The biography, launched 22 November 2014 in Taitung, Taiwan, titled *From Paris' Left Bank to Taitung's Pisilian: The Story of an Artist, Paul Chiang* (從巴黎左岸，到台東比西里岸：藝術家江賢二的故事), shares the life of an internationally admired Taiwan-born painter and sculptor, Paul Chiang. Written by Jinxun Wu, the book reveals Chiang's unusual transition as an artist from Paris, New York, to Taitung... [Read more](#)



Nanzhuhu

An Amis artist village...

Nanzhuhu Village is located in Changbin Township, in the northern part of Taitung County, on a hillside overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It is situated just off the coastal highway (Provincial Highway 11) between two well-known tourist attractions, Sanxiantai (Plateau of the Three Immortals), a rock outcrop connected to coral reef shore by a wave-like bridge consisting of eight arches, and the Baxian Cave, where bones and artifacts from Taiwan's oldest prehistoric culture have been found... [Read more](#)

Community Café

For the love of it...

In addition to natural diversity, Taitung possesses cultural diversity, such as indigenous culture, Hakka culture...and coffee culture. In recent years, Taitung has witnessed the rise of the cafe. Each cafe is unique in its own way, based around a theme or the vision of its owner. In this case, the owner, Chen Yu-jun "wanted to do something simple but meaningful, such as providing a great cup of coffee and desserts that are not harmful to one's health."... [Read more](#)



National Museum of Prehistory

Looking deep into Taiwan's past...

Taitung has the distinction of being the location of Taiwan's oldest prehistoric culture, the Changbin Culture, discovered at what is today a well-visited tourist attraction, the Baxian Cave in Changbin Township, in the northern part of the county. It is thought that this culture inhabited this area at least 15,000 years before present. Taitung was also home to a number of other prehistoric cultures. For example, the people of the Beinan Culture (3,500-2,500 years before present) established a large settlement near what is today the Taitung train station. This area has been transformed into the Beinan Culture Park with large grass-covered spaces, outdoor amphitheater and exhibition center. Around the edges of the park excavation continues in tarp-covered open pits. Inside the exhibition center is a reconstruction of an area where slate coffins were found. Other topics include the discovery and arrangement of the site, as well as the meaning behind some of the more unique finds. To allow excavation to continue unhindered, most of the artifacts, such as potsherds, stone tools, weapons, slate coffins, and nephrite ornaments were moved off-site to the National Museum of Prehistory... [Read more](#)

